WEEKLY DIARY ITEMS - LBZSA

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(U) Communication Satellite Program

The definitization of Contract AF 04(647)-476 is proceding on schedule. The ACO comments and the BMD comments have been received and furnished to LBPF. As a result of in-house discussions with the procurement staff, it has been decided that a straight CPFF contract is considered more advantageous than any other type of contract for this state-of-the-art R&D phase. The general provisions have been negotiated and most of the Schedule provisions have been negotiated. The work statement will be the same as the one in the RFP with the exception of certain minor changes and an additional Exhibit "B" for reports, both of which must be furnished by BMD today. Although there are several loose ends yet remaining, contract negotiations are still scheduled for the afternoon of 21 September with all negotiations to be completed by the afternoon of 23 September 1959.

(U) Contracts with Space Technology Laboratories, Inc.

1. Contract AF 04(647)-302 ABLE 3-4 (NASA BS-6). The latest negotiations meeting to definitize CCN #1 was held with STL on 10 September. As a result of the previous technical and cost discussions, the Air Force proposed that CCN #1 be definitized at no change in estimated cost and fixed fee. This meeting was adjourned at STL's request so that their negotiator could collaborate with his management. It was understood that the negotiation would resume the following day, however, the STL negotiator has asked for additional time. It is anticipated that the contractor will be prepared to resume and conclude this negotiation this next week.

2. Contract AF 04(647)-361. No progress has been made since last week in firming up a negotiation schedule except for a tentative agreement from BMD to have their technical comments back by 23 September. Since LBPF is performing both the cost and price analysis they are experiencing a little difficulty in working in these negotiations with their other commitments. A negotiation schedule will be worked out next week.